

Notice of Allowability

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09/819,176

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed on 6-1-04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 18-31.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 9-20-01 (in 9 groups) are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Murrell Blackburn on 4/20/05.
3. The application has been amended as follows: In claim 26, line 10, after "...file to the second electronic file open in the..." please remove "second application program", and add in its place, "spreadsheet program".
4. Claim 26, line 10 should now read:
-- file to the second electronic file open in the spreadsheet program; --
5. The attorney further agreed to cancel claims 1-17 and 32-38.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
2. The examiner considered the Applicant's Amendment filed on 06-01-04 and after updated search, no other prior art of record has taught that which was presented in the amended claims
3. Therefore, claims 18-31 are allowable.
4. Independent claim 18, when considered as a whole, is allowable over the prior art of record. Freivald teaches creating a web query in a spread sheet application by copying tabular data objects from a first electronic file in a web browser to a second

electronic file in a spreadsheet application program, opening a first electronic file in the web browser program, selecting the tabular data object, pasting tabular data objects for the first electronic file to the second electronic file, launching a web browser program containing a first electronic file in a web query dialog box open in the spreadsheet program and selecting the tabular data objects from the web browser program to create the web query. However, specifically the prior art of record fails to clearly teach or support the limitations of determining whether a first computer command should be displayed, and inserting it in a drop-down menu.

5. Independent claim 26, when considered as a whole, is allowable over the prior art of record. Freivald teaches creating a web query in a spread sheet application by copying tabular data objects from a first electronic file in a web browser to a second electronic file in a spreadsheet application program, opening a first electronic file in the web browser program, selecting the tabular data object, pasting tabular data objects for the first electronic file to the second electronic file, launching a web browser program containing a first electronic file in a web query dialog box open in the spreadsheet program and selecting the tabular data objects from the web browser program to create the web query. However, specifically the prior art of record fails to clearly teach or support the limitations of determining whether a first computer command should be displayed, and inserting it in a drop-down menu. However, the prior art of record fails to clearly teach or support the limitations of the determining step specifically, determining whether the plurality of data comprises a first format, determining whether an identifier tag associated with the plurality of data has been set to a first value, and if so,

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performing a second sequence comprising: retrieving a URL associated with the plurality of data, determining whether the URL contains a second identifying tag, and copying the plurality of data from the first electronic file to the second electronic file, if the URL contains the second identifying tag.

6. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."


Conclusion

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dennis G. Bonshock whose telephone number is (571) 272-4047. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 6:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

8. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Cabeca can be reached on (571) 272-4048. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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